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TO : Director of Training

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FROM : Chief/Language and Area School

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report #33

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. We are trying to tie together a variety of differing and partially changing requirements for Indonesian in order to provide the best quality training at least cost to the Agency. We hope within a few days to have all essential facts and be able to develop a plan of courses to take care of about eight persons.

2. We have provided consultation, as usual, on a variety of training needs to several individuals, including []

3. Sparked by [] need, we are offering to create an intensive six-month course beginning in January providing we can have three other students. This would permit us to give quality training to four people at no greater cost than to provide second-class training to [] alone. Any JOTs?

4. WE is discussing with us its desire to use one of our contract employees on a special TDY assignment abroad. We have indicated full willingness to cooperate. Duration: 10-30 days.

5. [] will be at [] the first three days of next week with the Chinese group and [] will be Acting Chief. [] will attend all week. [] will observe for one day.

6. At the request of [] spent over two hours with a [] discussing language training methods applicable to his educational activities.

7. It is a real delight to see the serious interest of several contract employees in developing their competences above and beyond those for which they were employed. For the most part, this is the result of the special training program we had created for them (and hope to continue ourselves in the fall) and of the closer association with and responsibility to staff linguists as a result of our reorganization. Expected result: constantly improved quality in language instruction.

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8. We continue, as usual, to receive staff employees who inquire about opportunities for assignments to the School as language or area instructors. Very few approach the qualifications in linguistics (as distinct from languages, including Ph.D.'s in languages) or area specialization, plus essential versatility, that we need to maintain as standards for staff employees to run the School with a small number of staff employees, although some meet our standards for contract employees. Even recently we have had to discourage two Ph.D.'s in languages because such education does not, in itself, prepare a person for staff employment here. Moreover, for area training, junior grade country specialists are a luxury we cannot afford with a small staff.

9. We are endeavoring to develop a new philosophy for, and new approach to language training in the Agency as a possible approach to correcting the deplorable unwillingness to come truly to grips with our language problem and do something really significant about it. A principal element is to enlarge the concept beyond the present one of immediate, minimum expediency. The essence of this material will be available for the DCI briefing in November.

10. I believe you should know that Mrs. [redacted] voluntarily and regularly are working excessive hours to maintain our activity on its scheduled fourteen-hour work-day. The conscientiousness of these employees greatly contributes to improving quality of the VIPT and self-study activities. We are endeavoring to develop a plan, however, which will partially alleviate their burdens of supervision extending from 7:15 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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FROM : Deputy Chief, Plans, Research and Administration

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Twenty-nine people reported to take Proficiency Tests last week in Chinese, French, Korean, Russian and Spanish.
2. Sixty-four people were tested orally in French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian and Portuguese during the past two weeks.

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FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. [] recent course - Africa and the United States - RS #1 was concluded on 15 August. Of the original twelve students enrolled (over half DDP), two changed to an auditor status because of a misunderstanding at the time of enrollment as to the hours of the class, and ten finished the course. These were of fairly high calibre, and with a few exceptions showed considerable interest in and did good work throughout the course. The relevancy of the course to the needs of U. S. Government personnel was pointed up by Vice-President Nixon's report to the President, emphasizing the need for a "realization throughout the executive branches of the government... of the growing importance of Africa to the United States." While the course was running, Congress established a Bureau of African Affairs in the Department of State.
 2. [] NEA contacted [] on (1) available material on Arabic language training in the U. S., and (2) appropriate LAS contact [] relative to a proposed Arabic program NEA is considering establishing. 25X1 25X1
 3. A special showing of a CBS/TV film "Kuwait" was arranged for ten persons from NEA.
 4. The new Chief of Support in NEA visited us for a "get-acquainted" chat and was shown around the LAS facilities in "I" Building. 25X1
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FROM : Acting Deputy for Language Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

25X1 1. [] held a meeting with [] and Mr. [] who is scheduled to go to [] as executive officer in about a year and is requesting [] instruction. To meet
25X1 this request we decided to plan a six-month full-time course in [] beginning in January 1959, if one or two suitable native speakers can be found. [] would be the linguist and chief instructor for the course. 25X1

25X1 2. [] of FDD for further discussions on the advanced Chinese reading and writing course LAS is giving at FDD's request for three, or possibly four, of their translators. Applicants from other offices will also be considered. The course will begin in the fall.

25X1 3. [] full-time German class is spending its final week with him at []

25X1 4. The French full-time elementary course, to be concluded this week, spent last week at [] and native speakers. Mr. [] (CI Staff) and his wife were chaperones and guests, as were Mr. [] (OTR) and his wife. 25X1

25X1 5. On 18 August, [] discussed with [] the special training that OS has agreed to give [] Starting 2 September, OS will give [] about four weeks of training that will assist him in designing an advanced Russian language course to be offered to operational personnel who plan to be dealing with Russian speaking agents, 25X1
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